

Webinar Proposal

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Theme: International Cooperation. Engaging global open education community in international cooperation to advance (UNESCO OER Recommendation (v) Promoting and reinforcing international cooperation).

Title: USP Global--The next generation in open education

USP Global is an open education initiative of the University of the South Pacific through which courses and full education programs in areas of particular strength of the University are offered online and made accessible to a global audience. The initiative is a product of an international partnership and cooperation between The University of the South Pacific and Crystal Delta—a Technology Service operating out of Melbourne, Australia and Chennai in India with a focus on providing digital learning solutions. *USP Global* can be accessed on <https://learn.uspglobal.usp.ac.fj/>.

Currently, the courses on USP Global comprise a growing portfolio of courses in areas such as Pacific Studies, Oceanography, Climate Change, Aviation Law, and Youth Work. These include short to long courses, as well as those that are free and fees-paying for micro-credentials as well as full credit.

The goals of this initiative comprise: 1) Developing multiple and flexible learning opportunities for upskilling and re-skilling local resource pools; 2) Providing opportunities for alternative pathways to further education and learning to support life-long learning; and 4) Promoting the University of the South Pacific as a future-focused leader in digitally-enhanced learning and teaching. Engagement in these kinds of open educational practices is crucial, not just for Pacific Islanders but for all such communities and throughout the world, if they were to achieve freedom, justice and equality for all.